





# Hamilton County Coroner

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ROBERT MUKES

CC16-04238

## OPINION

### Diagnoses:

- I. Starvation of undetermined etiology:
  - A. Multiple alcohol bottles and no food or running water noted in apartment
  - B. Cachexia (body mass index 15.7 kilograms per meter squared)
  - C. Abundant loose skin noted on torso and extremities
  - D. No vitreous humor available for electrolyte analysis due to putrefaction
  - E. No history or gross evidence of significant natural disease
  - F. No evidence of injury or intoxication
  - G. See records from the Cincinnati Fire Department and the Cincinnati Police Department for additional details.
- II. Possible hypothermia:
  - A. History of recently moving back into his own apartment, which appeared to be without electricity at time of scene investigation
  - B. History of last having been seen alive 1 week prior to being found dead
  - C. History of having been found dead, supine, mostly on top of bed, clad in boxer shorts only, with feet on floor
  - D. Recorded environmental temperatures for the previous week were as low as 14 degrees Fahrenheit.
- III. No records of this decedent found after inquiries via OARRS, Epic/Mercy or at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Brief, old record found from University Hospital with no description of natural disease and no weight or height recorded in notes.

**Cause of Death:**

Starvation of undetermined etiology.

**Contributing Cause of Death:**

Possible hypothermia.

**Manner of Death:**

Accident (exposed to cold temperatures inside apartment without electricity).



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Date

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## TOXICOLOGY REPORT

**SUBJECT NAME(S):** Mukes, Robert  
**SUBMITTING AGENCY:** CPD, Central Business Section

**FILE #:** CC16-04238  
**DATE REPORTED:** 01/09/2017

### RESULTS:

#### Headspace Gas Chromatography:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
1-1	Peripheral blood - A	Ethyl Alcohol	Negative

#### Immunoassay Screen (ELISA) \*\*Presumptive\*\*:

ELISA Screen: Amphetamine, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids, Carisoprodol, Cocaine/Metabolites, Fentanyl, Methadone, Methamphetamine, Opiates, Oxycodone, Tramadol, Tricyclic Antidepressants, Zolpidem.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
1-2	Peripheral blood - B	Negative	

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